

Northwood School

Summer Reading 2021

Dear Students and Families,

We hope you have a joyful and fun-packed summer this year! Part of the summer fun will be reading books of your choice for pleasure. We ask that each student entering grades 1 to 8 choose one of the following summer reading activities and return the finished project to their teacher at the beginning of the new school year. (For those students who are not yet independent readers and writers, others may read the book aloud and act as scribes for them.)

Please choose one of the following options:

Option 1: Storyboard

Read a fictional book, then retell the story in your own words through pictures! Create a storyboard with at least five panels. You can find a template on the school website. Include one panel for each of the following parts of the book:

K-3: setting, characters, beginning, middle, and end.

4-8: exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution

Each panel must be detailed and colorful. Below each panel, write a brief summary of the events in that section. You may download a template from the school website, or complete the storyboard digitally using a free storyboard tool such as storyboardthat.com.

Option 2: Poster

Create a poster board-size poster to "sell" the book you have read. Make sure it contains important information about the book, including the title and author, the genre, and some quotes from the book to pull the viewer in. Include a colored illustration of a character or scene from the book. Explain what you liked about the book and why you think your audience should read it!

Option 3: Book Review

Write a book review of at least three paragraphs that describes the book you read, providing important information about the setting, plot, genre, and characters. Do not give away the ending--remember your audience includes people who may not have read the book! Explain what you like or dislike about the book and why you feel that way. Make sure the title of the review is different from the book title and give the book a star rating (between 1 to 5 stars).

Option 4: Slides Presentation

Create a slideshow of at least 10 slides that describes the book you read. Include information about the important characters, setting, and plot. Use illustrations and color to add visual appeal, and explain whether you would recommend this book to others.

Option 5: Video Book Talk

Create a 3-5 minute video book talk. In the video, hold up the book, state the title and author, and describe the setting, characters, and plot (without giving away the ending) to your audience. Speak loudly and clearly! Explain who you would recommend this book to, and how you feel about the book.

In addition to your book project, we encourage students to take part in the [Chesley Library "Tales and Tails" program](#) and join a reading team! Register by June 30 to be included in a drawing to win two tickets to Santa's Village! Please call or stop by the library or visit chesleylib.com for more information.

Need a recommendation? Middle school students, check out the [Isinglass Award Nominees](#). Students in grades 4-6 may enjoy a book from the [Great Stoneface Book Award](#) list.

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